

Will you guys please stop with this already? The reduction of the code requirement for all amateur radio privileges to 5 wpm is NOTHING! NOTHING! Why is it so difficult for the staunch no-code advocates to comprehend this? Don't you think that after all this time of whining on their part that they have been given enough in way of a free pass? The code is a part of ham radio history. It should be learned. It doesn't have to be used, but it should be learned. 5wpm for an extra class license is absurd enough in itself, but it is now easier than ever to obtain that goal! It is now easier than ever to get a Ham Radio license. Do not go further with this. Do not succumb to the rantings of a bunch of people who want a free pass for everything in life, and who hide behind the "technological advances" argument to prove their point. That has become extremely old! Your computer or your satellite transmissions are not gonna get you through in a life threatening emergency on the high seas when conditions are a mess! And how does learning the code impede handicapped individuals from getting a license? Over the years I have known at least two sight impaired individuals who are extra class (at 20 wpm I might add). If there is a desire to obtain a license, then being handicapped should not matter. Stop this madness now and ignore the rantings of Mr. Holiday and his ilk. The classic case of giving an inch and wanting a mile has been abused in our hobby. The time has come for it to stop!